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C O N F I D E N T I A L UDORN 13

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATION AT CONSULATE JANUARY 14

1. ABOUT 500 PERSONS, MOSTLY SUTDENTS FROM UDORN TEACHERS TRAINING COLLEGE, MARCHED TO CONSULATE ABOUT 1300 TODAY TO PROTECT AGAINST CIA AND PRESENT LIST OF SIX WRITTEN DEMANDS AS FOLLOWS:

- A. CLOSE U.S. BASES IN THAILAND (RESPOND BY END OF MONTH)
- B. WITHDRAW SECRET UNITS FROM THAILAND
- C. LET THAI AIR FORCE KNOW WHAT U.S. IS DOING
- D. COLLECT DUTY ON PX GOODS
- E. FORBID AMERICAN OFFICIALS TO GET INVOLVED IN THAI CASES ON THAI SOIL (STUDENTS EXPLAINED THIS REFERRED PARTLY TO U.S. MILITARY POLICE TAKING OVER CUSTODY OF ARRESTED U.S. MILITARY FROM THAI POLICE)
- F. RESTRICT AREAS U.S. MILITARY COULD GO TO, RESTRICT TIME THEY ENTER CITY, AND HAVE THEM GO IN ONLY ONCE A WEEK.

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2. WE INVITED STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES INTO CONSULATE TO PRESENT

DEMANDS. THEY SELECTED FIVE, INCLUDING GIRL WHO WAS FORMER AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE STUDENT IN U.S. ALL WERE POLITE AND ENGAGED IN FRIENDLY DEBATE FOR ABOUT AN HOUR. REPS ASKED FOR PERMISSION TO SET UP LOUD SPEAKER TO BROADCAST TO CROWD OUTSIDE BUT WE AGREED INSTEAD THAT THEY COULD TAPE DISCUSSION.

3. STUDENTS ASKED FOR QUICK RESPONSE TO DEMANDS. I POINTED OUT THAT U.S. BASES AND "SECRET UNITS" WERE IN THAILAND ACCORDING TO AGREEMENTS BETWEEN TWO GOVERNMENTS WHICH ALSO COVERED WAIVING TAXES ON PX GOODS. I SAID I UNAWARE OF ANY PROBLEM ON POINT C SINCE U.S. KEPT RTAF INFORMED OF FLIGHTS. ON POINT E I SAID IT UP TO THAI POLICE WHETHER TO RELEASE ARRESTED AMERICANS TO U.S. CUSTODY. ON POINT F I SAID MANY THAI WHO CATERED TO GI'S IN UDORN WOULD BE HURT IF AMERICANS COULD COME INTO CITY ONLY ONCE A WEEK.

4. I SAID I WOULD REPORT DEMANDS TO EMBASSY BUT THAT THESE WERE BASICALLY MATTERS FOR TWO GOVERNMENTS TO DECIDE AND STUDENTS SHOULD PRESENT DEMANDS TO THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT. THEY PROMISED DO SO AND HEADED OFF TO PROVINCIAL OFFICE.

5. I PROMISED DISCUSS POINT F WITH PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR AND U.S. BASE COMMANDER TO SEE WHETHER ANY AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED. I AGAIN POINTED OUT THAT STUDENTS WERE ONLY ONE GROUP IN TOWN AND OTHER GROUPS MIGHT BE HURT BY RESTRICTION ON U.S. MILITARY COMING INTO TOWN.

6. I SAID I COULD NOT PROMISE WHEN RESPONSE WOULD BE MADE TO STUDENT DEMANDS AND THAT PROPERLY THEY SHOULD BE PUT TO RTG AND IT SHOULD RESPOND, NOT CONSULATE. I ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT OUR DOOR OPEN TO DISCUSS SUCH MATTERS ANY TIME.

7. STUDENTS LEFT IN GOOD MOOD WITH NO DAMAGE TO CONSULATE. CROWD OUTSIDE WELL BEHAVED. POLICE, WHOSE ASSISTANCE WE REQUESTED, CAME IN FORCE AND DID EXCELLENT JOB OF KEEPING CORDER. PROVINCIAL EDUCATION OFFICER AND SEVERAL TEACHERS, ONE OF WHOM RECENTLY RETURNED FROM U.S., ALSO HELPED CALM DOWN CROWD AND APOLOGIZED TO ME FOR TROUBLE.

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7. CONSULATE POLITICAL ASSISTANT SAID ONE OF FIRST STUDENTS TO ARRIVE TALKED ABOUT LOWERING U.S. FLAG IN FRONT OF CONSULATE, WHEN WE OFFERED TO TALK TO STUDENT REPS, THREAT NEVER MATERIALIZED.

8. PRESS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS SHOWED UP IN FORCE AND TALKED WITH STUDENTS BUT DID NOT ASK MEET WITH US.

9. DURING MEETING WITH STUDENTS, DEPUTY GOVERNOR SUEB OF NAKHON

PHANOM TELEPHONED CONSULATE ON BEHALF OF GOVERNOR WICHIAN TO RECOMMEND THAT AMBASSADOR POSTPONE TRIP TO NKP SINCE HE WAS AFRAID DEMONSTRATIONS SUCH AS OCCURRED IN CHIANG MAI COULD TAKE PLACE. HE SAID THAT IF AMB COMES THEY WILL DO BEST TO KEEP SITUATION UNDER CONTROL BUT HOPED VISIT COULD BE POSTPONED.

10. AFTER LEAVING PROVINCIAL OFFICE STUDENTS PLAN LAY WREATH ATTACKING CIA IN FRONT OF USAF TENANTED AIR BASE, AS THEY DID AT CONSULATE. BROH-KAHN, GDS.

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